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Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 24th, 25th and 30th meetings, on 2, 7 and 17 November 2006. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/61/SR.24, 25 and 30). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 2 to 4 October (see A/C.2/61/SR.2-6).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2004 (A/61/77-E/2006/59);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/61/292).

4. At the 24th meeting, on 2 November, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see A/C.2/61/SR.24).

5. At the same meeting, pursuant to section C, paragraph 3 (d), of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, the Committee held a dialogue with the substantive representatives, during which comments were made and

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questions were posed by the representatives of Ethiopia and Switzerland (see A/C.2/61/SR.24).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (see A/C.2/61/SR.24).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32 and Rev.1

7. At the 25th meeting, on 7 November, the representative of Belarus, on behalf of Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Djibouti and the Netherlands, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund" (A/C.2/61/L.32), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, by which it established the International Children's Emergency Fund, 417 (V) of 1 December 1950, by which it affirmed the Fund's decision to devote a greater share of its resources to programmes outside Europe, 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953, by which it changed the name of the organization to the United Nations Children's Fund and removed the time limits from its mandate, 1391 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, in which it saw aid provided by the Fund as a practical way to carry out the aims proclaimed in the Declaration on the Rights of the Child, and 2057 (XX) of 16 December 1965, in which it applauded the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1965 to the United Nations Children's Fund,

"*Recalling also* its resolutions 2855 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, in which it commended the Fund for its very substantial and significant achievements during its twenty-five years of operation, and 51/192 of 16 December 1996, in which it recognized the important contribution of the Fund in promoting the survival, development and protection of children during its first fifty years of operation,

"*Recalling further* its resolutions 33/83 of 15 December 1978 on the International Year of the Child, 44/25 of 20 November 1989 on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children and S-27/2 of 10 May 2002 in which it adopted the document entitled 'A world fit for children', annexed to that resolution,

"1. *Congratulates* the United Nations Children's Fund on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary;

"2. *Commends* the Fund for the substantial assistance it has provided to programme countries in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and other agreed development goals in the interest of children and requests the Fund to continue this work in accordance with its mandate;

"3. *Welcomes* the increased role of the Fund in the system-wide operations to ensure the survival and protection of children in the emergency situations caused by armed conflicts and natural disasters;

"4. *Commends* Member States, civil society organizations and the private sector for the generous financial support of the activities of the Fund and invites them to consider increasing their contributions to the regular and other resources of the Fund;

"5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene, in December 2006, a special commemorative meeting of the Assembly devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the Fund."

8. At its 30th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution entitled "Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund" (A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1), submitted by Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, the Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, the Gambia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zimbabwe.

9. Subsequently, Afghanistan, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominica, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Namibia, the Philippines, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, the Sudan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zambia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution had no programme budget implications (see A/C.2/61/SR.30).

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.32/Rev.1 (see para. 13).

12. A statement was made by the representative of San Marino (see A/C.2/61/SR.30).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

13. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

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2. *Commends* the United Nations Children's Fund for the substantial assistance it has provided to programme countries in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and other agreed development goals in the interest of children;

3. *Commends* the staff of the United Nations Children's Fund and the National Committees and other partners for their contributions to the substantial achievements of the Fund;

4. *Commends* Member States, civil society organizations and the private sector for the generous financial support of the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund, and invites them to consider increasing their support to the work of the Fund;

[1] See resolution 1386 (XIV).

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene, in December 2006, a special commemorative meeting of the Assembly devoted to the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund.